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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0984

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF PORS MOPS LA VM
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF VIETNAMESE TROOPS QUARTERED IN VIENTIANE
HOMES AND SHOPS

REF: VIENTIANE 0798

1. LPDR AUTHORITIES INFORMED RESIDENTS OF VIENTIANE
COMMERCIAL DISTRICT JUNE 29 THAT IT WOULD QUARTER THREE
SOLDIERS IN EVERY HOME AND SHOP BUT DID NOT SAY WHY,
ACCORDING TO SEVERAL SOURCES RESIDENT IN THE DISTRICT.
MORNING OF JUNE 30 SOLDIERS HAD BEEN PLACED IN ONLY
ABOUT TEN HOMES OR SHOPS.

2. EMBOFF SPOKE TO A CHINESE MAN JUNE 30 WHO SAID
THREE SOLDIERS HAD BEEN PLACED IN HIS HOME. HE SAID
THE SOLDIERS SPOKE LAO VERY POORLY BUT SPOKE
VIETNAMESE TO EACH OTHER.

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3. ANOTHER LAO WOMAN TOLD EMBOFF THAT SHE HAD HEARD
THAT THREE BATTALIONS OF VIETNAMESE TROOPS WERE TO BE
BILLETED INSIDE VIENTIANE. SHE SAID THAT SIX HUNDRED
SRV TROOPS MOVED INTO A LARGE BUILDING NEAR HER HOME
IN THE CENTER OF VIENTIANE'S COMMERCIAL SECTION ON THE
EVENING OF JUNE 29.

4. FRENCH DIPLOMAT SAID TROOPS WERE ALSO BEING
QUARTERED IN OTHER SECTIONS OF VIENTIANE. HE ADDED

THAT SEVERAL LOCAL LAO SOURCES TOLD HIM THAT THE
TROOPS WERE VIETNAMESE BUT THAT THIS WAS NOT CONFIRMED.

5. COMMENT: REFTTEL'S REPORT THAT LPDR OFFICIALS
HAD WARNED VILLAGERS NEAR VIENTIANE NOT TO BE ALARMED
BY THE APPEARANCE OF VIETNAMESE TROOPS SO NEAR THEIR
VILLAGES BECAUSE THE VIETNAMESE HAD COME MERELY TO
PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SUGGESTED THAT THE LAO
GOVERNMENT WAS SENSITIVE TO THE LOCAL POPULATION'S
APPREHENSION ABOUT HAVING FOREIGN TROOPS IN THEIR
NEIGHBORHOODS AND HOMES. COMMENTS MADE TO EMBOFFS
JUNE 30 BY ALARMED LAO INDICATED THAT THE LOCAL POPU-
LATION WAS LESS THAN GRATEFUL FOR THE MOVE TO QUARTER
TROOPS IN THEIR HOMES BE THEY VIETNAMESE OR ETHNIC LAO.
ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH VIEW IS THAT THE MOVE TO QUARTER
TROOPS MAY BE INTENDED TO DISCOURAGE REFUGEE FLIGHT,
OUR SOURCES INDICATED THAT THE MOVE MAY IN
ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO FLEE TO THAILAND.
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